

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

San Diego Police Department

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: August 31, 2015 (Monday)

Time: 1200 Hours

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Homicide Unit

(619) 531-2275

POLICE IDENTIFY DECEDENT AND OFFICER INVOLVED IN MISSION VALLEY EAST

SHOOTING

On Friday, August 28, 2015, at about 12:11 a.m., uniformed San Diego Police Officers responded to

a 911 call of a male with a box cutter threatening people in the 5600 block of Mission Center Road.

The reporting party said the suspect was yelling and had chased and threatened an employee of a

nearby store.

An officer arrived at the scene and saw a person matching the suspect's description holding a box

cutter in his hand. The officer exited his patrol vehicle and gave the suspect verbal commands. The

suspect ignored those commands and quickly advanced on the officer, while holding the blade

pointed at the officer. The officer retreated to the rear of his police vehicle to create distance while

continuing to give verbal commands. The suspect continued to advance resulting in an officer-

involved shooting. Medical aid was immediately rendered, but the suspect was pronounced

deceased at the scene.

The decedent has been identified as 54 year-old Robert Arthur Hober of San Diego. The officer was

identified as San Diego Police Officer Eric Oberndorfer, a 15-year veteran of the San Diego Police

Department.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-

2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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